

Statement of Condition

Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business Dec. 27, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$211,968.21
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,720.32
Cash and Exchange	186,354.12
Total	\$416,992.65

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	26,150.30
Deposits	355,242.35
Reserved for Taxes	600.00
Total	\$416,992.65

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Commence Business January, 1912

Safety—Service—Satisfaction

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News From Trent.
Trent, Tex., Feb. 21—Miss Lizzie Burton is suffering from a nervous breakdown at her home west of town.
Seth Massey, son of E. D. Massey is showing improvement from a case of pneumonia.
O. S. Robinson, while adjusting some wires on top of a telephone post fell Saturday, inflicting a serious wound in his right hand by running a large splinter through it.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. King a boy, Wednesday.
Some few attended the show at Merkel Tuesday night.
Married last Saturday night, Rueben Reeves and Miss Beatrice Stevens. The bride is a daughter of T. L. Stevens, who lives south of Trent.
"Grandpa" Barnett, formerly

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"SUNSHINE SPECIAL"
BETWEEN
TEXAS, ST. LOUIS
Memphis and East
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"LOUISIANA LIMITED"
BETWEEN
NORTH TEXAS
SHREVEPORT
and NEW ORLEANS

Observation Sleeper

of this place, died at the home of his son, Hezekiah, who lives in Fannin county. He was sent here for burial last Saturday, February 10.
Earnest Massey has gone to Lubbock to visit his uncle.
Miss Cole of Abilene visited Miss J. Hill Saturday and Sunday.
Alex. Williamson who has been under the treatment of Dr. Pue for the past two weeks, is improving.
Mrs. W. A. Abbott has been real sick the past week.
Miss Norma Irwin, Ft. Worth, visited her parents here Friday and Saturday.
The box supper was a success, the proceeds amounting to \$82.95, was to help furnish a library for the school.
Misses Harkins and Estep will give a recital in expression and music Friday night in the auditorium.

Fields day will be observed by the Trent school here March 2d. Races, contests and everything that goes to make up a program, will be given.
There are about 20 cases of measles in this community, none of which are serious.
M. G. Scott and wife have returned from Dallas, where they went to buy their spring and summer goods.
The main street of Trent is being worked, filling in the low places with sand and covering all with gravel.
E. C. "Bud" Brown who has been sick for the past two months is able to be in town. He says he "feels well again."
Miss Lota Wagnon was called to the bedside of her sister, who is in school at Brownwood, she having had an operation for appendicitis. She is reported improving now.

Mrs. H. H. Prater entertained at her country home 4 1/2 miles west of Trent Thursday afternoon from 2 to 6. Quilting was the "game". Cakes, popcorn and divinity were served to Mesdames J.A. McRee, J.R. McLeody, L.E. Adrain, J.I. Leamon, Grandma O'Rear, C. L. Beckham, L. Graham, Misses Jennie Vieve McLee, Elsie Peterson of Merkel and Geta Beckham. All had a great time.
Married, Ben Howell and Miss Rossie May Scott of Georgia. Ben is the son of D. S. Howell of this place. They are with his father at present.
(Ed. Note—We were indeed sorry to have omitted the above splendid letter from last week's issue. It came just a little late for attention).

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

A TEXAS WONDER.
The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

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J. T. WARREN, Pres. THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier
No. 7481



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100 FUN MAKERS 10¢

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Prosperity At Trent.

Trent, Route 5—Our whiskey is out, Mr. Editor, and we have nothing more exhilarating to inspire our pen than stale, insipid tank water, a most woeful predicament for a kid of a boy to be in. We are threatened with an epidemic of measles. Mr. Marion Winter, one of the prominent young farmers of Shiloh, a patron, staunch friend and admirer of the Merkel Mail, reports the families of Walter Smith, Jim Bennet and Jennings Winter afflicted with the painful malady.

Quite a number of our neighbors attended the singing at Noodle Sunday. An excellent and most delicious dinner was spread, enough to satiate the hunger of a regiment of men. The people of Noodle are noted for their kind, genial natures and princely hospitality. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was indeed sweet, melodious and entrancing. It was a gala day for all present, a social feast and oasis in our monotonous tread-mill existence.

Mr. W. L. Johnson and Mr. M. L. Rutledge spent Sunday with Mr. Milton Tiner.

Miss Lettys Jones, one of the beautiful and charming young ladies of Anson, is spending the week with Mrs. Ulric Wheeler, and other friends, and seems to enjoy the rural outing.

Last Monday we met Mr. T. J. Blackmon, who pays for two subscriptions to the Merkel Mail.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson of Valley View is spending the week with her mother, Grandma Tiner, and her brothers, Messrs. Bill and Milton Tiner.

Our beautiful and picturesque town of Trent is putting on city airs, judging from the recent improvements of the streets, new houses being built, etc. The streets have been gravelled and present a neat appearance. We interviewed some of the prominent business men, including M. G. Scott & Bro., one of the largest commercial houses in the town, whose cash and credit sales the past year was something over \$40,000, their collections being exceedingly good, something over 95 per cent, which is highly creditable to the people of Trent and adjacent country, showing an honest, honorable and prosperous people. Mr. L. E. Arion of the Trent State Bank informs us that the farmers' deposits of this year is about \$30,000 in excess of any previous year. A school, costing \$8000 and employing eight teachers, is prima facie evidence of the thrift and general intelligence of the people. Prof. L. T. Green and wife, assisted by Prof. Christopher and wife Misses Wheeler, Hill, Harkins and Estep, the last named having charge of the music class. The five churches bear mute evidence of the Christian zeal of



NEW MATERIALS FOR MAKING SPRING CLOTHES

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IF YOU WAIT TO MAKE YOUR SPRING THINGS UNTIL SPRING REALLY COMES YOU WILL BE LATE IN HAVING THEM.

THE STYLES FOR SPRING ARE NOW ON SHOW IN OUR STORE. THE MOMENT WINTER BREAKS BE READY TO DROP YOUR OLD, HEAVY, WORN CLOTHES AND PUT ON NEW ONES.

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THE STAR STORE

the people, the Methodist church costing \$3000, the Baptist \$2000 and the Christian \$2000. Mr. J. I. Swain, another prominent merchant, speaks in highest terms of the people of Trent.

A box car loaded with shingles was burned at Trent Monday, making a terrible big blaze, the lurid flames reaching up 30 or 40 feet.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. J. J. Shelton, a prominent cotton buyer of Merkel, a bright and polished gentleman, and an ex-newspaper reporter, full of his experience as a scribbler, "pro bono publico".

Messrs. Rogers Grayson, Bill Tiner, Hubert Seay and several others whose names we can not recall, attended the woodman meeting at Trent Friday night. All report a most excellent time, and a large attendance at the lodge.

The Merkel Mail is certainly growing in favor with the general public. While passing through Shiloh a few days ago, we heard some one chanting a beautiful ditty, which sounded something like this:

"I had rather be in the calaboose, chain gang or jail, Than live on a farm without The Merkel Mail".

The songster, if not the Hon. Sam Grayson, the affable Mayor of Shiloh, bore a marked resemblance to him, for he was sure pretty.

We regret to report the serious illness of Travis Wheeler, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Wheeler, who has a severe case of pneumonia. We hope the disease will not be as bad as anticipated. Travis is a kind and precocious child, a general favorite with every one.

Mr. Dock Kelly's horse became frightened Monday night while returning from Noodle, running away and throwing Mrs. Kelly out and bruising her up considerably. Junius.

A party, consisting of Misses Maude and Alice Hanks and Fannie Klepper and Messrs. John Moore, Howard Lewis and Lounsford Brownfield, all of Dora community, visited Lake Trammel, seven miles southwest of Sweetwater, last Sunday.

Program for Week of March 5 to 10th COZY THEATRE

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 5, 6 and 7th.**
The White Company
Magicians and Ventriloquists
With Picture Program
10 and 20c
Complete Change of Entire Program each night
- Thursday, March 8**
"Lass of the Lumberlands"—Chapter 5
Matinee and Night
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- Friday, March 9**
Universal Program
5 and 10c
- Saturday, March 10**
"The Hunted Woman"
6-Part Vitagraph
Two 1-part Comedies
10 and 20c
(Matinee 3 to 5:30)
- COMING Mon. & Tue. March 19 and 20th**
"The Battle Cry of Peace"

LOCAL NEWS

D. J. Dodd of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel the past week.

E. E. Burroughs left last Tuesday for an extended trip to Amarillo.

H. C. Burroughs Jr. has been suffering the past week from an attack of lagrippe.

J. S. Swan made a business trip to Midland last Monday, where he purchased a fine Poll-Hereford bull.

J. M. Moore of Nolan visited the Mail office the past week and placed a subscription with the Mail. While here he agreed to drop us a letter occasionally, advising us of the happenings in his vicinity.

Mrs. C. R. Holand of Route 3, eight miles out, visited the Mail office the past week and renewed her subscription to the publication.

Syrup of all kinds. G.M. Sharp.

C. R. Hutcheson of Trent took advantage of our subscription offer while in the city the other day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns and daughter, Rennie May, visited their two daughters, Mesdames Penney and Hampton, of near Big Springs, the past week. They made the trip in their car. Mrs. Burns has not been well for the past four months, but stood the trip well.

Many friends in Merkel are pained to learn of the death of Rev. W. M. Gaddy, formerly pastor of the Baptist church of Merkel.

A.W. Ely, Route 4, called and subscribed to the Mail the other day. The farmers in that vicinity are well up with their work, and will start planting on time.

Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. was suddenly called to Long Beach, Cal., to visit her mother, who is very low. She left last Monday night a week ago.

Mrs. W. A. Darby and Misses Hattie and Louie Ford of Abilene were visitors in Merkel Saturday, and paid the bill.

A very serious mountain fire broke out on the Butman ranch last Thursday afternoon. The ranch crew, with several neighbors, fought Thursday night and almost all day Friday, before the fire was under control. It burned off about a section of grass and cedar timber.

C. Harent, of Route 1, was a visitor here the past week. While in he took advantage of our special subscription offer, and inspected our new machine.



IMPLEMENTMENTS

The time for Implementments is here, and we have the goods. We have in the Oliver line, Cultivators, Planters, Go Devils, etc. We also have a complete line of John Deere double and single row Cultivators, Planters, Go Devils Section Harrows, and in fact most anything you may need in this dependable line of goods.

We have just received a full car of attractive Buggies. See us when you need a new Buggy

Call on us for your Poultry Wire, Screen Wire and Screen Door Fittings.

We have a full car of Blacksmith Coal. Don't forget us when you need Coal.

Plenty of Garden Hose. Also Chopping Hoes, Rakes and Files now on hand. Come see them.

Our stock is complete in all departments and we are in position to render satisfactory service, and you will find our prices as low as the class of merchandise we handle can be sold. Call and see us, we will appreciate a visit and endeavor to merit your trade

Crown Hardware Co.

The Merkel Mail

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

The business men of Merkel have agreed to close their places of business each day at 6:30 p. m., except Saturday. This agreement will remain in force until September 1.

It is to be hoped that every one will read the article on the front page by Judge Overshiner. It is a very creditable article. The whole atmosphere of his argument is aflame with unselfishness.

If we could make some of the catalog house patrons of this country realize just how they were being humbugged, we would feel like we had done a service worth while.

Can any one think of a single good reason we may advance in the securing of a new depot. We feel sure that if the business men of Merkel will just get their heads together, and then very respectfully ask the railroad officials to please grant this much needed boon, they would lose no time in accommodating us. Perhaps they don't know that we need a depot at a depot. The depot is at the front doorstep, and we can not be blamed for feeling a little ashamed of the road's tardiness in supplying this justly needed improvement.

It is about time to start that "Clean up and Paint up" campaign. It was good two years ago; it was better last year; why not make it so good this year that not only the "Clean up" will be abundantly emphasized, but also that the "Paint up" will be practiced a little more. The reason we mention this is because we heard some one say that a little paint might do some good. And then when people fix up a little they just naturally become younger, prettier, kinder, sweeter; and then again what little fixing we do, we must remember, only brightens our lives and the lives around us, and this, we know, is a large part of the sublime purpose of life. Let us get red hot for the campaign.

Victor Harris, senior member in years of service, of the rural carriers in the post office here received notice the past week of his transfer to Runge, Tex., a town situated about midway between San Antonio and the coast. By mutual consent, W.A. Cowan, who had this work at Runge, comes to Merkel to take Mr. Harris' place, Mr. Cowan, with his family having arrived here Sunday afternoon, and he has already begun work on the route.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and daughter Ruby left Merkel to arrive in Runge by March 1. This family is given up by their host of friends here with genuine regret, the move having been made with the hope of it proving beneficial to Mrs. Harris' health.

Mr. Harris has served the same route for more than 11 years and in efficiency and courtesy to the patrons he has a record of the very highest standing.

Remember the 10th. Don't forget to pay your electric bill.

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H. M. Rombolt Pr. Bd. Stewards
H. M. Rainbolt Pr. Bd. Stewards
Mrs. Joe L. Harris
Pr. Ladies Home Mis. Society
Preaching every Sunday, 11
a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday
Evening.

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Dr. J. T. Foe Supt. S. S.
Mrs. J. S. Swann Pr. Ladies Aid
Mrs. Chas. West Sec. Ladies Aid
Preaching every Sunday, 11
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Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday
evening.

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Preaching every third Sunday,
11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School every Sunday,
10 a. m.
Communion Service at 11:00.

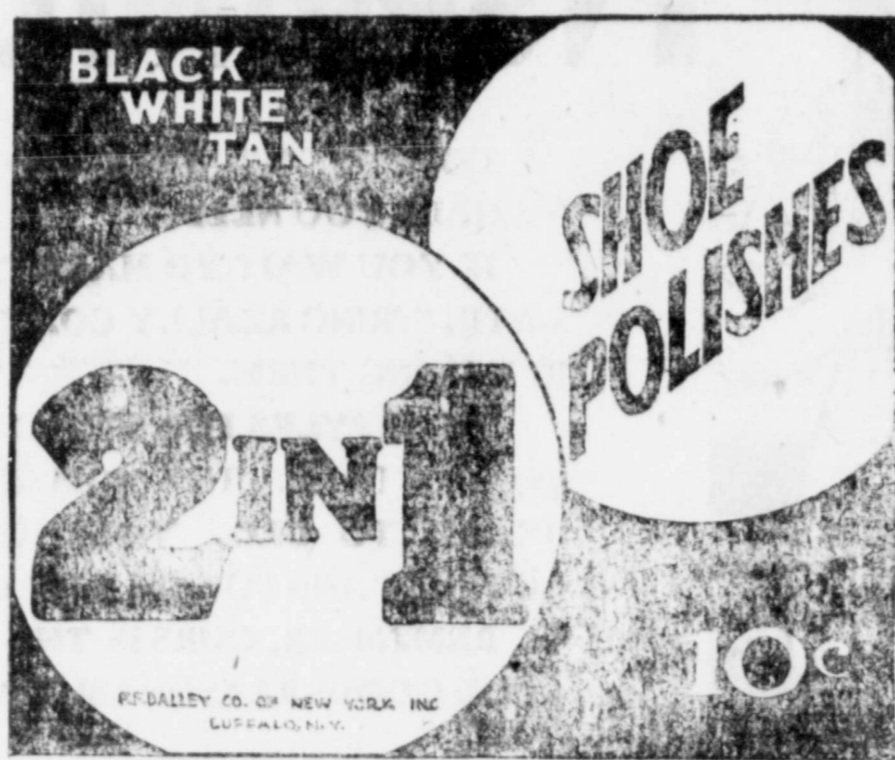
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Rev. H. E. Bullock Pastor
R. L. Bland Clerk of Session
H. C. West Supt. of S. S.
Mrs. E. P. McMillan Sec. S. S.
Henry Rose Dir. of Choir
Mrs. J. S. Saddler Pres. Ladies
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Mrs. R. L. Bland Sec. L. A. M. S.
E. P. McMillan Supt. Gym.
Boys' Department
Mrs. E. P. McMillan Supt.
Girls Department

Preaching 11 a. m.—7:30 p. m.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Prayer Meet. Wed. 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice Fri. 7:30 p. m.
Girls Gym. Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Boys Gym. Fri. 7:30 p. m.

Elder Warlick, of Dallas, who has been conducting a revival at the Christian church, reports a very successful series of meetings. We find that we have been close neighbors to him before coming to Merkel, and regret that we did not have occasion to make his acquaintance long

before now. We find him to be a most congenial character, and for the benefit of those who have not had the pleasure of making his acquaintance, or listening to his able discourses, we will say that he looks a whole lot better than the picture that appeared in our issue of last week.



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AND PEPSIN

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Judge Mims Moves.
Our popular, able and congenial City Attorney, Judge C.D. Mims, has, after a residence of six years in the second story of The Farmers State Bank building decided to move into the lower story of the John Sears Building. He will be much more conveniently located hereafter, with a snugly fitted office, desires that his numerous friends call on him there. His new location is almost beneath his former place of abode.

New Overland Buyers.
Orders have been placed recently for the following Overland cars: C. E. Brown, Shiloh; C. R. Horton, Merkel; W. S. McDonald and A. L. Cade, Shiloh; all sold by the Horton-Brown Overland Company of Merkel. A Country Club roadster was sold by the Sweetwater Overland Company.

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Partens Gigantic Spring Opening

AND LOW-PRICE DEMONSTRATION SALE--\$25,000.00 WORTH OF NEW SPRING GOODS

AT THE OLD PRICE

THE HIGH-COST OF LIVING HASN'T GOT US YET--AS WE PREPARED FOR LAST FALL

So have we prepared for this spring. As we saved you 50 to 75 per cent last fall, we are going to save you 100 to 125 per cent this spring. A gigantic sale of the season's newest styles and fabrics that will mean more to you by a hundred-fold than any End-of-the-Season sale you have ever attended for many-fold, easily obvious reasons, even to the most care free, unpretentious thinker. A momentous sale of equal importance to all, as the same gigantic savings will abound in every department, nook and corner of our big cash store, equalizing opportunities for rich and poor alike, displacing the much heralded "High Prices" with prices you've always been paying at our big cash store every spring for your new spring togery.

These low prices as long as present stock lasts only. We know that the present wholesale prices are higher than our present retail prices in hundreds of instances. We give you this information for the good it may be to you in persuading you to buy your every spring's dry goods need at the very earliest moment possible, as all goods bought by us from now on must of necessity be higher.

This is an unmatched sale at the season's beginning to demonstrate further, as we have in seasons and years past, the feasibility of our CASH SYSTEM, in providing a place where the cash buyer can obtain more for his money, greater values and less price---where this spring's goods may be bought for almost one-half the prices asked in even larger towns. This unparalleled dry goods event begins **SATURDAY MARCH 3, 1917**, and lasts as long as this \$25,000.00 worth of unimpeachable values, styles and fabrics last.



Facts in a Nut-Shell

LET US SHOW YOU

Let us demonstrate that we can hold in abeyance this seemingly dauntless upward trend of high prices that threaten to undermine the peaceful existence of the "Great Majority" and bring dire stress to a great nation in this demonstration. In this effort to hold down the price, we naturally need the assistance, the co-operation of every man, woman, boy and girl within Merkel's trade territory, every buyer, or would-be buyer of spring dry goods amounting to 5 cents to the biggest purchase, as volume of business is the most vital feature necessary to the success of such a stupendous undertaking as this

Gigantic Spring Opening and Low-Price Demonstration Sale

Shelves on top of shelves, tiers after tiers, counters after counters of this spring's newest dress goods, silks staples, ladies' ready-to-wear, notions and novelties will all play individual and collective parts in making this gorgeous merchandise event the greatest success in Merkel's entire varied history.

NEW SPRING SHOES

Early arrivals in spring's newest Shoe Fashions, comprising ladies new white kid, poplin and canvas lace boots, the early fad of the season, ranging in price from \$2.48 to \$9.98

Men's black and new brown kangaroo shoes and oxfords, ranging in price from \$3.48 to \$6.48

All of which represents the great saving in this spring opening sale of from 50 to 85 per cent compared with any other known prices.

Buy Your Spring Shoes NOW

The hundreds of articles we cannot mention for lack of space will represent equally as Big Savings as those already mentioned and will serve to demonstrate our superior ability to sell Dry Goods of every description at a monster saving to you

Men and Boys Furnishing Goods

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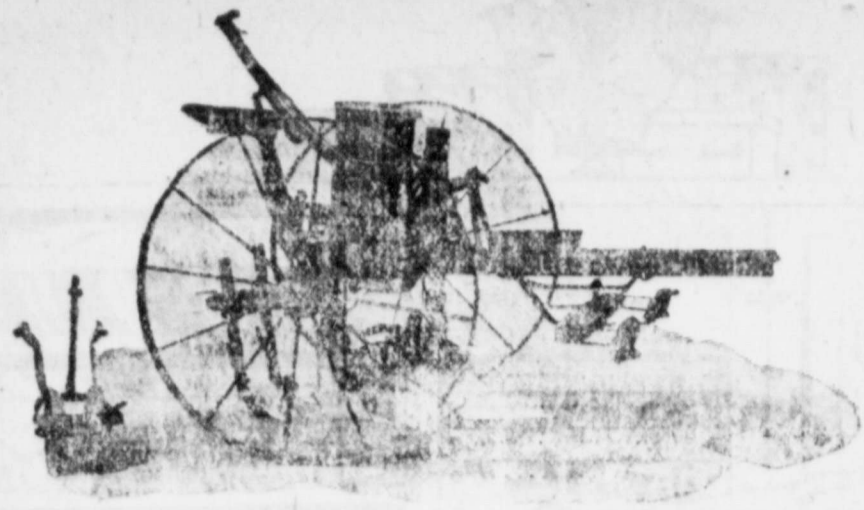
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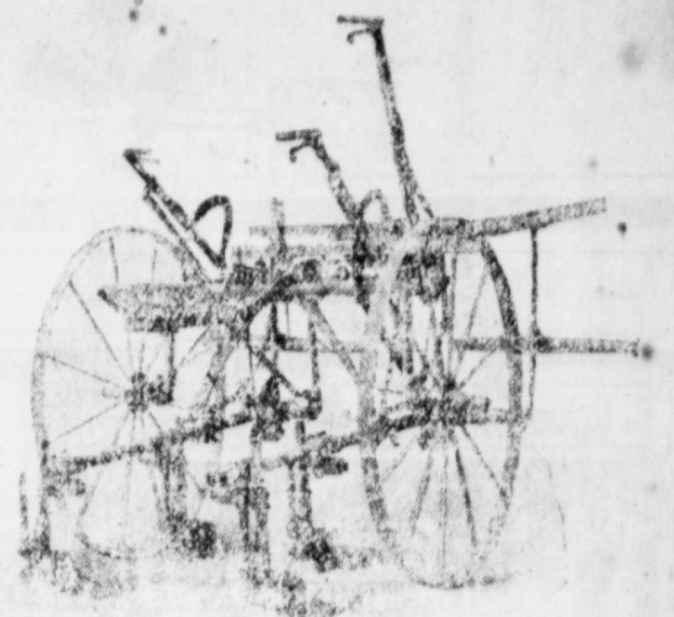
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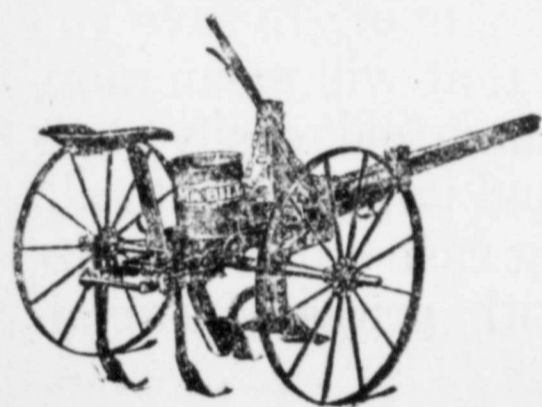
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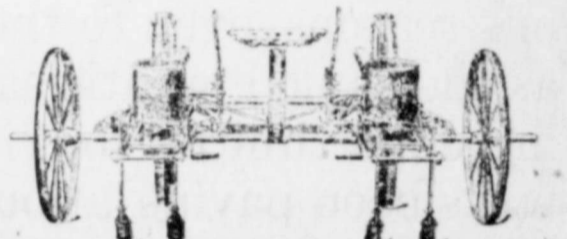
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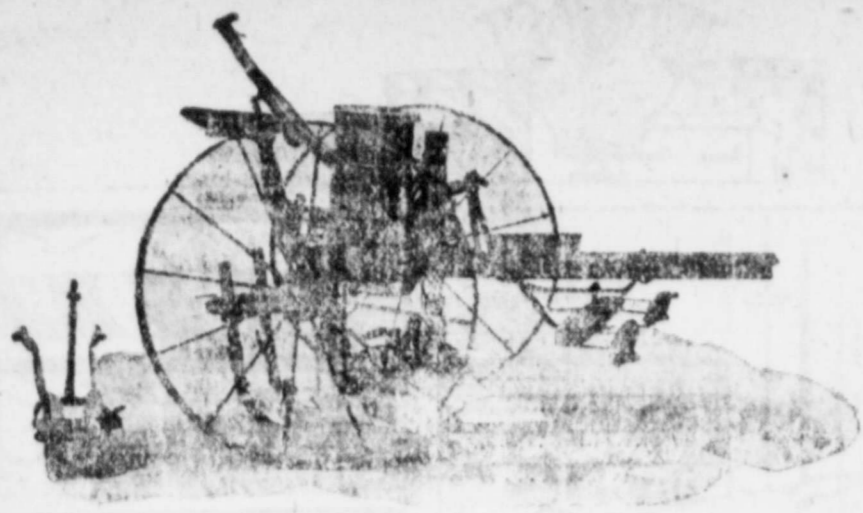
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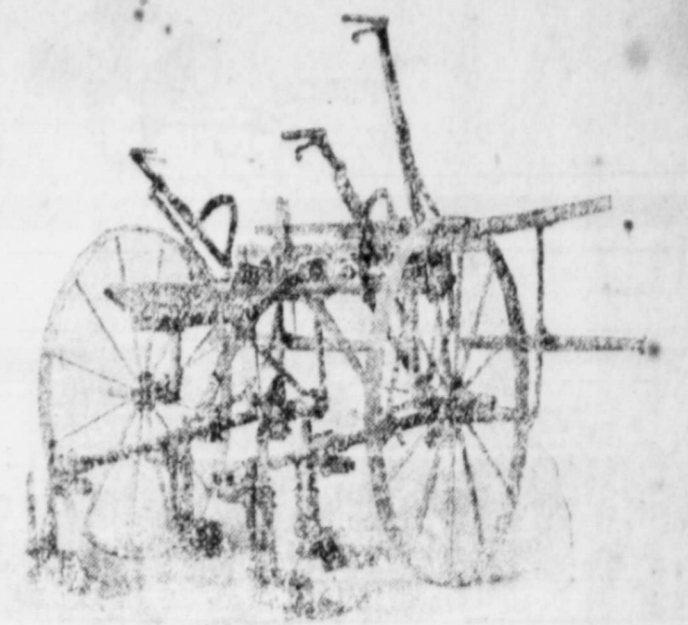
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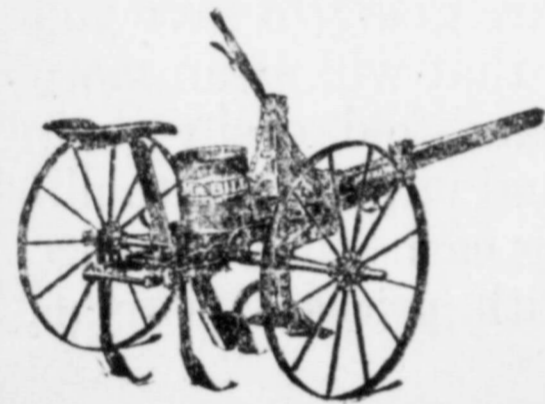
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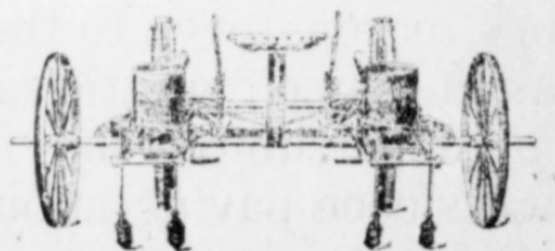
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See our 36-inch wash silk waistings at \$1.25

Big assortment of 36-inch cambric percales 15c

Very large stock of gingham 10c, 12½c and 15c

White Goods

India Lawns, Middy Cloth, Indian Head, waist and dress Linens, pure Flax, Long Cloth and many other kinds.

STORE AWAY IN YOUR MIND EVERY WORD IN THIS AD

Snaps For You Wonderful One Dollar Values

Truly Big Values for \$1.00--Some are worth One-Third More

\$1 Ladies Waists	\$1 Mens Pants	\$1 Wash Dresses	\$1 Mens Shirts	\$1 Pure Silk Hose	\$1 Union Suits
Just received, beautiful India Lawn, laced, trimmed, long sleeves.	Mens work pants, overalls, boys Sunday pants—all new	Childrens white lace trimmed. Ladies striped gingham	The shirts we are selling for \$1 are worth \$1.25	Ladies Plain Black Ladies Embroidered These are A1 values	For men and ladies, of best makes, knit and muslin

Boys striped and solid blue Overalls **50c** Mens Silk Hose, all colors
Mens and boys Spring 1917 Caps Ladies Boot Silk, black and white

Good makes of best for prices in Union Suits for boys and men, short and full lengths

Beautiful new fancy and plain, all silk Ribbons, 1c per yard to 35c per yard

ATTRACTIVE NEW LINE OF LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

Best Shoes that Money and Brains can Make

Frankness is always best, therefore we are saying to you that shoes are still advancing and no one yet can say how much higher they will go. The great demand across the seas, at home and scarcity of skins is the reason for advance in price. We are saving our trade 10c to \$1.00 per pair on shoes

Just received Leather Bags and Suit Cases. Also good Trunks

Stetson Hats at The Old Prices

Ladies Silk Dresses at \$10 to \$20. See Them

Skirts \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50

OUR MOTTO---QUALITY AND STYLE AT THE LOWEST PRICE

Our buying and selling for cash ONLY, reduces prices for you

Our store is for you whether you buy or not

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

THE NEW SUITS

A large number of the newest styles in Coat Suits are now on display in our Ready-to-Wear Department.

Our Redfern line needs no introduction, as it is known to every woman to be the best suit made.

Prices range

\$18.50
up to
\$35.00



NEW DRESSES

For spring are beautiful. Made of Georgette Crepe, Taffeta, Crepe de Chine, etc.

We received a big express shipment this week and others are arriving daily.

The prices are moderate, Ranging from

\$15.00
up to
\$27.50

A Complete Showing of Spring Merchandise

In assembling our spring and summer stock, we have used the greatest care and caution, to insure our patrons the same class of merchandise that has been our custom to carry, our prices are still old prices which enables us to save you money in every department. Come in and let us convince you



Fashionable Spring Footwear

Smart footwear is the keynote for the Spring and Summer season. This will be a Big White Season and we have stocked heavily to insure our patrons. New shoes at old prices.

High shoes in Black, White and Grey Kid, \$6.50 to \$8.00
Slippers in black and white kid, sport oxfords and Mary Janes, \$2.50 up to \$7.50

Special For Saturday

12 yards good grade 10c Ginghams for Saturday, 12 yards **\$1.00**

15 yards 27-inch Percale, in lights, blues and grays, Saturday, 15 yards **\$1.00**

Extra heavy Turkish Bath Towel 19x40, for Saturday 4 pair **\$1.00**

For Saturday only, will sell Big Buck Overalls, known as the best, for per pair **\$1.00**

Nice conservative striped shirts for men, for Saturday, two for **\$1.00**

WE ANNOUNCE

For the week a **Special Opening** of the newest spring styles in

MILLINERY FOR CHILDREN

We extend a very cordial invitation to all who have children to visit our Millinery department this week.



NEW SPRING SUITS FOR MEN

Are here in splendid assortments, in the newest spring models, made by

Hart Schaffner & Marx

from all-wool materials and in new weaves and patterns. Prices

\$15.00 to \$25.00

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

We are showing an exceptionally strong line of men's shirts for spring and summer. All the late patterns and conservative stripes. Ask to see our line of "ARROW" shirts, priced

1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75

SILK SHIRTINGS

Just the thing for men's silk shirts.

Striped Crepe de Chines
Tub Silk and
Fancy Pongees
Priced

1.00, 1.25, 1.35, 1.50



MEN'S SPRING HATS AT OLD PRICES

A big showing of the new and nifty styles for spring. All the new shapes and colors will be here in KINGSBURY Hats at the same old price you have been paying

\$3.00

MANY NEW PRETTY WAISTS

Will be found in the Waist Department this week. New arrivals in Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chines, Silks, Voiles and Lingeries, priced

\$1.00 to \$6.50

A SPLENDID SHOWING IN NEW SPRING SKIRTS

The most desirable materials are Poplins, Serges, Panama Cloths and a nice assortment of striped and plaid wool serges. Also Taffetas in plain, striped and plaids. Priced

2.50 to 12.50

GOSSARD CORSETS

For spring are now ready for you.

If you have never worn a
GOSSARD

let us convince you of its superiority
Priced

2.00 and up

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